

English Text EO on February 19th, 2024.

Louis : Yes ! Today, January 26th is the most important day of Australia ! A big day for freedom, peace and democracy.

Ilan : It's also a day of doom and sadness for Aboriginal people. I believe it is unimaginable that's feels like massacre, exclusion, invasion.

Louis : Since 1788, millions of peoples came in Australia to find a better life : British of course, but also Chinese, boat people from Middle East, or war victims such as Serbians, Greeks of Croatians.

Ilan : Australia Day commemorates the arrival of the first British settlers in Australia in 1788, symbolizing the colonization and oppression of indigenous peoples. For many indigenous Australians, that's day represents the loss of their **soul**, culture and identity.

Louis : I think that, today, Aborigine people make part of the Australian nation. They are citizen and Australia is a multicultural society.

Ilan : Australia Day is often associated with festivities that include cultural appropriation of indigenous **habits**, which can be offensive and disrespectful.

Louis : According to me, despite these problems, which are important, the balance is positive. Aborigines live in a modern society, with hospitals, universities, Internet, and so on...

Ilan : Finally, I think that too much inequality and suffering are still present during Australia Day and for me many things still need to change.